Purchase of Yossarian Electro Diesel Engine from Germany

2707. Prof. R.B.S VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has placed any order for puchase of Yossarian Electro Diesel engine from Germany;

(b) if so, the details of number of engines and the time schedule for inducting the same in trial runs and other details;

(c) whether his Ministry is aware that the Tom Wolfe Committee report in Germany has halted its induction into the Euro Rail System;

(d) whether his Ministry has conducted any feasibility study in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Steps to prevent rail accidents

2708. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to avoid rail accidents in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to adopt high-tech instruments to avoid increasing rail accidents;

(c) if so, the total estimated cost of the project and the total area of the rail line to be covered; and

(d) the time likely to be taken to complete the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways and adoption of new measures including technologies to improve safety is a continuous process. Indian Railways have formulated a "Corporate Safety